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Examiner: KUHNS, ALLAN R
Group A.U.: 1732

Remarks

The Examiner's comments and objections and the cited references have been carefully considered by the Applicant.

Claims 1-9 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the independent claims require that at least one reaction component and a mixture of the remaining components are introduced at "high pressure".

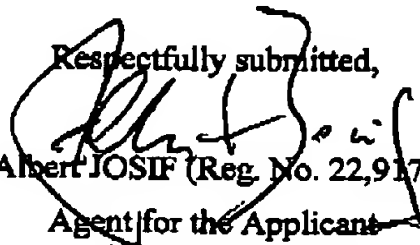
Moreover, the Examiner states that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and that this is believed to be represented by claim 16.

In addition, the Examiner believes that the term "recirculated" in claim 16 line 15 should be "recirculation".

Claims 1-6 and 15 are unprejudicially withdrawn, amended claim 16 does not require that at least one reaction component and a mixture of the remaining components are introduced at "high pressure" and indicates the "recirculation step" in line 16, and claims 7 and 8 are amended to depend on claim 16.

Independent claim 16 and claims 7-9 dependent thereon are now in an allowable condition.

In view of the foregoing, favorable action on the merits, including entry and approval of all amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of each rejection and allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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